

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) An inkjet recording method  
comprising:

jetting onto a recording medium, by recording heads,  
recording ink containing a color material and colorless ink for  
5 improving gloss, to perform image formation according to image  
data;

dividing pixel data of the image data into unit blocks so  
that each unit block is formed of an aggregate of n pixels,  
where  $n > 1$ ; and

10 determining an adhered amount of the colorless ink in each  
said unit block in response to an adhered amount of the recording  
ink in each said unit block;

wherein each said unit block is set to have a size of 1 mm  
square or less on the recording medium, and the adhered amount of  
15 the colorless ink for each said unit block is determined such  
that a sum total of the adhered amounts of the colorless ink and  
the recording ink in each said unit block is at least a  
predetermined amount; and

wherein a jetted position of the colorless ink in each said  
20 unit block is determined preferentially as a position that is not  
adjacent to a jetted position of the recording ink in each said  
unit block.

Claims 2 and 3 (Canceled).

4. (Previously Presented) The inkjet recording method of claim 1, wherein the adhered amount of the colorless ink is greater in a first unit block where the adhered amount of the recording ink is a given amount or less than in a second unit  
5 block where the adhered amount of the recording ink is more than the given amount.

Claim 5 (Canceled).

6. (Previously Presented) The inkjet recording method of claim 1, wherein said predetermined amount is at least 2 cc/m<sup>2</sup>.

7. (Previously Presented) The inkjet recording method of claim 6, wherein said predetermined amount is less than 13 cc/m<sup>2</sup>.

Claim 8 (Canceled).

9. (Currently Amended) The inkjet recording method of claim 1, wherein [[a]] the jetted position of the colorless ink jetted onto each said unit block is determined preferentially from a pixel in which the adhered amount of the recording ink is  
5 smaller.

Claim 10 (Canceled).

11. (Original) The inkjet recording method of claim 1, wherein the recording ink contains fine particles.

12. (Previously Presented) The inkjet recording method of claim 1, wherein the recording medium comprises a micro-porous recording medium.

13. (Original) The inkjet recording method of claim 1, wherein a surface layer of the recording medium contains a thermoplastic resin.

14. (Previously Presented) The inkjet recording method of claim 13, further comprising a fixing process including at least one of heating and pressurization, wherein the fixing process is implemented for the recording medium on which the recording ink and the colorless ink have been jetted.

15. (Original) The inkjet recording method of claim 1, wherein a rate of light absorbance change in mixing the recording ink and the colorless ink with each other is less than 5%.

Claim 16 (Canceled).

17. (Currently Amended) An inkjet printer, comprising:  
an image forming unit to jet onto a recording medium, by  
recording heads, recording ink containing a color material and  
colorless ink for improving gloss, thereby performing image  
5 formation according to image data; and

a control unit to control the image forming unit,  
wherein the control unit divides pixel data of the image  
data into unit blocks so that each unit block is formed of an  
aggregate of  $n$  pixels, where  $n > 1$ , and determines an adhered  
10 amount of the colorless ink in each said unit block in response  
to an adhered amount of the recording ink in each said unit  
block; ~~and~~

wherein each said unit block is set to have a size of 1 mm  
square or less on the recording medium, and the control unit  
15 determines the adhered amount of the colorless ink in each said  
unit block such that a sum total of the adhered amounts of the  
colorless ink and the recording ink in each said unit block is at  
least a predetermined amount; and

wherein the control unit determines a jetted position of the  
20 colorless ink in each said unit block preferentially as a  
position that is not adjacent to a jetted position of the  
recording ink in each said unit block.

Claims 18 and 19 (Canceled).

20. (Previously Presented) The inkjet printer of claim 17,  
wherein the adhered amount of the colorless ink determined by the  
control unit is greater in a first unit block where the adhered  
amount of the recording ink is a given amount or less than in a  
5 second unit block where the adhered amount of the recording ink  
is more than the given amount.

Claim 21 (Canceled).

22. (Previously Presented) The inkjet printer of claim 17,  
wherein the control unit sets said predetermined amount to be at  
least 2 cc/m<sup>2</sup>.

23. (Previously Presented) The inkjet printer of claim 22,  
wherein the control unit sets said predetermined amount to  
be less than 13 cc/m<sup>2</sup>.

Claim 24 (Canceled).

25. (Currently Amended) The inkjet printer of claim 17,  
wherein the control unit determines [[a]] the jetted position of  
the colorless ink jetted onto each said unit block preferentially  
from a pixel in which the adhered amount of the recording ink is  
smaller.

Claim 26 (Canceled).

27. (Original) The inkjet printer of claim 17, wherein the recording ink contains fine particles.

28. (Previously Presented) The inkjet printer of claim 17, wherein the recording medium comprises a micro-porous recording medium.

29. (Original) The inkjet printer of claim 17, wherein a surface layer of the recording medium contains thermoplastic resin.

30. (Previously Presented) The inkjet printer of claim 29, wherein the printer implements a fixing process, including at least one of heating and pressurization, for the recording medium on which the recording ink and the colorless ink have  
5 been jetted.

31. (Original) The inkjet printer of claim 17, wherein a rate of light absorbance change in mixing the recording ink and the colorless ink with each other is less than 5%.

Claim 32 (Canceled).

33. (Previously Presented) The inkjet printer of claim 17,  
wherein the recording ink is an aqueous ink containing a pigment  
as said color material, and the colorless ink is an aqueous ink  
containing a dispersed resin and substantially containing no  
5 pigment.

34. (Previously Presented) The inkjet recording method of  
claim 1, wherein the recording ink is an aqueous ink containing a  
pigment as said color material, and the colorless ink is an  
aqueous ink containing a dispersed resin and substantially  
5 containing no pigment.

35. (Previously Presented) The inkjet recording method of  
claim 1, wherein the image data has gradation and the pixel data  
is obtained by a halftone process.

36. (Previously Presented) The inkjet recording method of  
claim 35, wherein the halftone process uses a dither matrix and  
each said unit block is the same as a unit of the dither matrix.

37. (Previously Presented) The inkjet printer of claim 17,  
wherein the image data has gradation and the control unit obtains  
the pixel data by a halftone process.

38. (Previously Presented) The inkjet recording method of claim 37, wherein the halftone process uses a dither matrix and each said unit block is the same as a unit of the dither matrix.